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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

In re:	Chapter 11
BED BATH & BEYOND INC., et al.,	Case No. 23-13359 (VFP)
Debtors. ¹	(Jointly Administered)
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NOTICE OF HEARING ON DEBTORS' MOTION
FOR ENTRY OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE FEE ORDER
ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR THE
ALLOWANCE AND PAYMENT OF
INTERIM COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on May 16, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. (ET), or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (the "<u>Debtors</u>"), by and through their undersigned proposed counsel, shall move (the "<u>Motion</u>") before the Honorable Vincent F. Papalia, United States Bankruptcy Judge, in Courtroom 3B of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey (the "<u>Bankruptcy Court</u>"), 50 Walnut Street, Newark, NJ 07102, for entry of an order (the "<u>Order</u>"), substantially in the form submitted herewith, establishing procedures for the allowance of interim compensation and reimbursement of expenses of professionals retained by this Court.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that in support of the Motion, the Debtors shall rely on the accompanying Motion, which sets forth the relevant legal and factual bases upon which the relief requested should be granted. A proposed Order granting the relief requested in the Motion is also submitted herewith.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that objections, if any, to the relief requested in the Motion shall: (i) be in writing, (ii) state with particularity the basis of the objection; and (iii) be filed with the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court electronically by attorneys who regularly practice before the Bankruptcy Court in accordance with the *General Order Regarding Electronic Means for Filing, Signing, and Verification of Documents dated March 27, 2002* (the "General Order") and the *Commentary Supplementing Administrative Procedures* dated as of March 2004 (the "Supplemental Commentary") (the General Order, the Supplemental Commentary, and the User's Manual for the Electronic Case Filing System can be found at www.njb.uscourts.gov, the official website for the Bankruptcy Court) and, by all other parties-in-interest, on CD-ROM in Portable Document Format (PDF), and shall be served in accordance with the General Order and

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the Supplemental Commentary, so as to be received no later than seven (7) days before the hearing date set forth above.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that copies of all documents filed in these chapter 11 cases may be obtained free of charge by visiting the website of Kroll Restructuring Administration, LLC at https://restructuring.ra.kroll.com/bbby. You may also obtain copies of any pleadings by visiting the Court's website at https://www.njb.uscourts.gov in accordance with the procedures and fees set forth therein.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, unless responses are timely and properly filed and served, the Motion shall be decided on the papers in accordance with D.N.J. LBR 9013-3(d), and the relief requested may be granted without further notice or hearing.

Dated: April 25, 2023

/s/ Michael D. Sirota

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TO: THE HONORABLE JUDGE VINCENT F. PAPALIA UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY:

The above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>") respectfully state the following in support of this motion (the "<u>Motion</u>"):

Jurisdiction and Venue

- 1. The United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey (the "Court") has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the *Standing Order of Reference to the Bankruptcy Court Under Title 11*, entered July 23, 1984, and amended on September 18, 2012 (Simandle, C.J.). The Debtors confirm their consent to the Court entering a final order in connection with this Motion to the extent that it is later determined that the Court, absent consent of the parties, cannot enter final orders or judgments in connection herewith consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution.
 - 2. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.
- 3. The bases for the relief requested herein are sections 105(a) and 331 of title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101–1532 (the "Bankruptcy Code"), rule 2016-3 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), and rule 2016-3 of the Local Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey (the "Local Rules").

Background

4. The Debtors are the largest home goods retailer in the United States, offering everything from bed linens to cookware to home organization, baby care, and more. In addition to their e-commerce website, the Debtors offer merchandise through their Bed Bath & Beyond stores and their buybuy BABY stores with locations across North America. Headquartered in Union, New Jersey, Bed Bath & Beyond Inc. is a publicly traded company that currently employs approximately 14,000 non-seasonal employees.

- 5. The Debtors commenced these chapter 11 cases (these "<u>Chapter 11 Cases</u>") to implement a timely and efficient process to maximize the value of the Debtors' estates for the benefit of all stakeholders. Through these cases, the Debtors will immediately commence an orderly and value-maximizing wind down of their business, while marketing a sale of all or part of their business on a timeline consented to by their prepetition and DIP lenders.
- 6. On April 23, 2023 (the "Petition Date"), each Debtor filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtors are operating their businesses and managing their properties as debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. On April 24, 2023, the Court entered an order [Docket No. 75] authorizing procedural consolidation and joint administration of these Chapter 11 Cases pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 1015(b). No request for the appointment of a trustee or examiner has been made in these Chapter 11 Cases, and no official committees have been appointed or designated.

Retention of Professionals

7. The Debtors will be filing applications for authority to retain and employ (i) Kirkland & Ellis LLP and Kirkland & Ellis International LLP as their bankruptcy co-counsel, (ii) Cole Schotz P.C. as their bankruptcy co-counsel, (iii) AP Services, LLC as their financial advisor, (iv) A&G Realty Partners, LLC as their real estate consultants, (v) Lazard Freres & Co. LLC as their investment banker, (vi) Kroll Restructuring Administration, LLC as their claims and noticing agent, (vii) Deloitte Tax LLP as their tax and accounting consultant, and (viii) KPMG LLP as their auditor. The Debtors, and any statutory committee appointed in these Chapter 11

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Cases (each, a "<u>Committee</u>"), may seek to retain additional professionals to render services in connection with these Chapter 11 Cases.²

Basis for Relief Requested

- 8. By this Motion, the Debtors request the entry of an administrative fee order, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A** (the "Order") pursuant to sections 105(a) and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code and Local Rule 2016-3, authorizing an orderly, regular process for allowance and payment of interim compensation for services rendered and reimbursement of expenses incurred by attorneys and other professionals retained by the Debtors and any official committee (collectively, the "Professionals"), whose services are authorized by this Court and who are required to file applications for the allowance of compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code and Local Rule 2016-1.
- 9. More specifically, the Debtors request that procedures for compensating and reimbursing the Professionals retained under section 327 of the Bankruptcy Code and, to the extent applicable, sections 328(a) and 1103 of the Bankruptcy Code, be established comparable to those approved in other chapter 11 cases in this district and in accordance with the guidelines set forth in Local Rule 2016-3.
- 10. The requested procedures would require the presentation of monthly fee statements to the parties described below for interim payment of compensation for professional services rendered and reimbursement of expenses incurred by each such Professional during the immediately preceding month. The Debtors submit that the proposed procedures for compensating and reimbursing the Professionals will enable the Court and all parties-in-interest to monitor

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For the avoidance of doubt, the Debtors submit that any professionals they elect to employ and retain in the ordinary course of business should not be subject to any Order granting the relief requested in this Motion.

professional fees and costs effectively and in a timely manner. In accordance with Local Rule 2016-3, the proposed procedures (the "Compensation Procedures") are as follows:

(A) Monthly Fee Statements.

- 1. Not later than the 30th day of the month following the month for which compensation is sought, each Professional seeking compensation under the Order must file and serve, by electronic transmission, hand delivery, or overnight delivery, or by any means directed by the Court, a monthly fee and expense statement (a "Monthly Fee Statement") on the following parties:
 - A. Bed Bath & Beyond Inc., 650 Liberty Avenue, Union, New Jersey 07083, Attn: David Kastin (david.kastin@bedbath.com);
 - B. Cole Schotz P.C., as co-counsel to the Debtors, Court Plaza North, 25 Main Street, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601, Attn: Michael D. Sirota, Esq. (msirota@coleschotz.com), Warren A. Usatine, Esq. (wusatine@coleschotz.com), and Felice R. Yudkin, Esq. (fyudkin@coleschotz.com);
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 - D. the United States Trustee for the District of New Jersey, One Newark Center, 1085 Raymond Boulevard, Suite 2100, Newark, New Jersey, 07102, Attn: Fran B. Steele, Esq. (fran.b.steele@usdoj.gov), John Schanne, Esq. (john.schanne@usdoj.gov), and Alexandria Nikolinos, Esq (alexandria.nikolinos@usdoj.gov);
 - E. counsel for JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., in its capacities as ABL agent under the Debtors' prepetition ABL facility and post-petition debtor-in-possession financing facility: Davis Polk & Wardwell, LLP, 450 Lexington Avenue, Boston, MA, 02110, Attn: Adam L. Shpeen, Esq. (adam.shpeen@davispolk.com), Steven Z. Szanzer, Esq.

(szanzer@davispolk.com) and Michael Pera, Esq. (michael.pera@davispolk.com);

- F. counsel for Sixth Street Specialty Lending, Inc. in its capacities as FILO agent under the Debtor's prepetition ABL facility and postpetition debtor-in-possession financing facility: Proskauer Rose LLP, Eleven Times Square, New York, NY 10036, Attn: David M. Hillman, Esq. (dhillman@proskauer.com) and Megan R. Volin, Esq. (mvolin@proskauer.com);
- G. any other secured creditor and counsel, to the extent known;
- H. any party requesting notice of all proceedings; and
- I. any other party designated by the Court.
- 2. A Monthly Fee Statement must comply with Local Rule 2016-1(a).

(B) Objections.

An objection to a Monthly Fee Statement must be filed and served on the applicable Professional and the parties listed in subdivision (A)(1) not later than fourteen (14) days after service of the statement. The objection must set forth the nature of the objection and the amount of fees and expenses at issue. Grounds for objection include: (i) the Debtors' failure to timely file monthly operating reports; and (ii) the Debtors' failure to remain current with administrative expenses and fees under 28 U.S.C. § 1930.

(C) Payments.

- 1. On the expiration of the objection deadline under subdivision (B), a Professional may file and serve on the parties listed in subdivision (A)(1) Local Form *Certification of No Objection* or Local Form *Certification of Partial Objection*, and then receive 80% of the fees and 100% of the expenses not subject to an objection. A Professional may seek authorization as part of its next interim or final fee application to receive the remaining 20% of fees not subject to an objection.
- 2. If the parties resolve an objection and if the applicable Professional files and serves on the parties listed in subdivision (A)(1) a statement indicating that the objection is withdrawn and describing the terms of the resolution, the Debtors may pay in accordance with subdivision (C)(1) that portion of the Monthly Fee Statement which is no longer subject to an objection.

3. If the parties are unable to resolve an objection not later than fourteen (14) days after the deadline for filing an objection under subdivision (B), the Professional may either (i) file a response to the objection together with a request for payment of the fees and expenses to which the objection applies; or (ii) forgo payment of those fees and expenses until the next interim or final fee application or another date directed by the court.

(D) Fee Applications.

- 1. A Professional who has received monthly payments under the Order must, at four-month intervals or such other intervals directed by the Court, file and serve on the parties listed in subdivision (A)(1) an interim application under section 331 of the Bankruptcy Code for allowance of the compensation and reimbursement of the expenses sought in the monthly statements issued during the applicable period.
- 2. The interim fee application must include a summary of the Monthly Fee Statements that are the subject of the request and any other information requested by the Court.
- 11. The Debtors respectfully submit that the Compensation Procedures will enable the Debtors to closely monitor the costs of administration of these Chapter 11 Cases, maintain a level cash flow, and implement efficient cash management procedures. Moreover, the Compensation Procedures will also enable the Court and parties-in-interest to ensure the reasonableness of the compensation and reimbursement sought by Professionals on a regular basis.

Basis for Relief Requested

12. A professional's right to seek interim payments from a debtor's estate is governed by section 331 of the Bankruptcy Code, which authorizes professionals to submit applications for interim compensation and reimbursement of expenses every 120 days or more often, if the court permits. It provides, in relevant part:

A trustee an examiner, a debtor's attorney, or any professional person employed under section 327 or 1103 of this title may apply to the court not more than once every 120 days after an order for relief in a case under this title, or more often if the court permits, for such compensation for services rendered before the date of such

an application or reimbursement for expenses incurred before such date as is provided under section 330 of this title.

11 U.S.C. § 331.

- 13. In addition, section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code provides, in relevant part, that "[t]he court may issue any order, process, or judgment that is necessary or appropriate to carry out the provisions of this title," thereby codifying the bankruptcy courts' inherent equitable powers.

 11 U.S.C. § 105(a).
- 14. Courts in this district have recognized that the permissive language of section 331 of the Bankruptcy Code, coupled with the court's inherent power under section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, provide authority for the entry of orders establishing procedures for monthly compensation and reimbursement of expenses of professionals. See, e.g., In re BlockFi, Inc., et al., Case No. 22-19361 (MBK) (Bankr. D.N.J. January 17, 2023); In re L'Occitane, Inc., Case No. 21-10632 (MBK) (Bankr. D.N.J. March 30, 2021); In re CB Wind-Down Corporation, et al. (f/k/a Christopher & Banks Corporation), Case No. 21-10269 (ABA) (Bankr. D.N.J. February 8, 2021); In re SLT Holdco, Inc., Case No. 20-18368 (MBK) (Bankr. D.N.J. Aug. 11, 2020); In re RTW Retailwinds, Inc., Case No. 20-18445 (JKS) (Bankr. D.N.J. Aug. 8, 2020); In re Congoleum Corp., Case No. 20-18488 (MBK) (Bankr. D.N.J. Aug. 7, 2020); In re Modell's Sporting Goods, Inc., Case No. 20-14179 (VFP) (Bankr. D.N.J. June 24, 2020).³ Such procedures are needed not only to encourage professionals to provide services in connection with chapter 11 cases, but also to avoid having professionals fund the cases. See In re Int'l Horizons, Inc., 10 B.R. 895, 897-98 (Bankr. N.D. Ga. 1981) (establishing procedures for monthly interim compensation). Appropriate factors to consider include "the size of [the] reorganization cases, the complexity of the issues

Because of the voluminous nature of the orders cited herein, such orders have not been attached to this Motion. Copies of these orders are available upon request to the Debtors' proposed counsel.

involved, and the time required on the part of the attorneys for the debtors in providing services necessary to achieve a successful reorganization of the debtors " *Id.* at 897.

15. The Debtors submit that the Compensation Procedures are appropriate in light of the facts described above. Indeed, such procedures are necessary to ensure that the Professionals are compensated fairly and timely for their services in these Chapter 11 Cases and are not forced to bear undue financial burden or risk caused by delays in payment. Moreover, the Compensation Procedures will enable the Debtors to closely monitor the costs of administration of their Chapter 11 Cases and avoid large spikes in their cash outlays. Finally, the Compensation Procedures will allow the Court and key parties-in-interest to ensure the reasonableness and necessity of the compensation and reimbursement sought.

Waiver of Memorandum of Law

16. The Debtors respectfully request that the Court waive the requirement to file a separate memorandum of law pursuant to Local Rule 9013-1(a)(3) because the legal basis upon which the Debtors rely is set forth herein and the Motion does not raise any novel issues of law.

No Prior Request

17. No prior request for the relief sought in this Motion has been made to this Court or any other court.

Notice

18. The Debtors will provide notice of this Motion to the following parties and/or their respective counsel, as applicable: (a) the United States Trustee for the District of New Jersey; (b) the Debtors' 30 largest unsecured creditors (on a consolidated basis); (c) the agents under the Debtors' prepetition secured facilities and counsel thereto; (d) the DIP Agent counsel thereto; (e) Davis Polk & Wardwell, LLP, and Greenberg Traurig, LLP, in their capacity as counsel to the Prepetition ABL Agent; (f) the indenture trustee to the Debtors' Senior Unsecured Notes; (g) the

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United States Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey; (h) the Internal Revenue Service; (i) the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; (j) the attorneys general in the states where the Debtors conduct their business operations; (k) the monitor in the CCAA proceeding and counsel thereto; (l) the Debtors' Canadian Counsel; and (m) any party that has requested notice pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002. The Debtors submit that, in light of the nature of the relief requested, no other or further notice need be given.

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WHEREFORE, the Debtors respectfully request that the Court enter an order, in substantially the form submitted herewith, granting the relief requested herein and such other relief as is just and proper under the circumstances.

Dated: April 25, 2023

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Exhibit A

Proposed Order

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The relief set forth on the following pages, numbered three (3) through eight (8) is **ORDERED**.

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THIS COURT

Upon the Debtors' Motion for Entry of an Administrative Fee Order Establishing Procedures for the Allowance and Payment of Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals Retained by Order of this Court (the "Motion") of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors"), for entry of an administrative order (this "Order") establishing procedures for the allowance and payment of interim compensation and reimbursement of expenses of certain professionals retained by Order of this Court pursuant to sections 105(a) and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code and Local Rule 2016-3, all as more fully set forth in the Motion; and upon the First Day Declaration; and the Court having jurisdiction to consider the Motion and the relief requested therein pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the Standing Order of Reference to the Bankruptcy Court Under Title 11 of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, entered July 23, 1984, and amended on September 18, 2012 (Simandle, C.J.); and this Court having found that venue of this proceeding and the Motion in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and this Court having found that the relief requested in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtors' estates, their creditors, and other parties in interest; and this Court having found that the Debtors' notice of the Motion was appropriate under the circumstances and no other notice need be provided; and this Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion and at the hearing establish just

Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.

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cause for the relief granted herein; and upon all of the proceedings had before the Court and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT

1. The Motion is **GRANTED** as set forth herein.

2. Except as may otherwise be provided in Court orders authorizing the retention of specific Professionals, all Professionals retained in these Chapter 11 Cases pursuant to section 327 and, to the extent applicable, sections 328(a) and 1103 of the Bankruptcy Code, may seek monthly compensation in accordance with the following procedures (the "Compensation Procedures"):

(A) Monthly Fee Statements.

- 1. Not later than the 30th day of the month following the month for which compensation is sought, each Professional seeking compensation under this Order must file and serve, by electronic transmission, hand delivery, or overnight delivery, or by any means directed by the Court, a monthly fee and expense statement (a "Monthly Fee Statement") on the following parties:
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- G. any other secured creditor and counsel, to the extent known;
- H. any party requesting notice of all proceedings; and
- I. any other party designated by the Court.
- 2. A Monthly Fee Statement must comply with Local Rule 2016-1(a).

(B) Objections.

An objection to a Monthly Fee Statement must be filed and served on the applicable Professional and the parties listed in subdivision (A)(1) not later

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than fourteen (14) days after service of the statement. The objection must set forth the nature of the objection and the amount of fees and expenses at issue. Grounds for objection include: (i) the Debtors' failure to timely file monthly operating reports; and (ii) the Debtors' failure to remain current with administrative expenses and fees under 28 U.S.C. § 1930.

(C) Payments.

- 1. On the expiration of the objection deadline under subdivision (B), a Professional may file and serve on the parties listed in subdivision (A)(1) Local Form *Certification of No Objection* or Local Form *Certification of Partial Objection*, and then receive 80% of the fees and 100% of the expenses not subject to an objection. A Professional may seek authorization as part of its next interim or final fee application to receive the remaining 20% of fees not subject to an objection.
- 2. If the parties resolve an objection and if the applicable Professional files and serves on the parties listed in subdivision (A)(1) a statement indicating that the objection is withdrawn and describing the terms of the resolution, the Debtors may pay in accordance with subdivision (C)(1) that portion of the Monthly Fee Statement which is no longer subject to an objection.
- 3. If the parties are unable to resolve an objection not later than fourteen (14) days after the deadline for filing an objection under subdivision (b), the Professional may either (i) file a response to the objection together with a request for payment of the fees and expenses to which the objection applies; or (ii) forgo payment of those fees and expenses until the next interim or final fee application or another date directed by the court.

(D) <u>Fee Applications</u>.

1. A Professional who has received monthly payments under the Order must, at four-month intervals or such other intervals directed by the Court, file and serve on the parties listed in subdivision (A)(1) an interim application under § 331 of the Bankruptcy Code for allowance of the compensation and reimbursement of the expenses

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sought in the monthly statements issued during the applicable period.

- 2. The interim fee application must include a summary of the Monthly Fee Statements that are the subject of the request and any other information requested by the Court.
- 3. The Debtors shall include all payments to Professionals on their monthly operating reports, detailed to state the amount paid to each Professional.
- 4. All Professionals that are law firms shall make a reasonable effort to comply with the Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed Under 11 U.S.C. Section 330 by Attorneys in Larger Chapter 11 Cases, effective as of November 1, 2013, in connection with any Monthly Fee Statements, interim fee applications and final fee applications to be filed in these Chapter 11 Cases. All professionals that are law firms shall provide any and all Monthly Fee Statements, interim fee applications and final fee applications in "LEDES" format to the U.S. Trustee.
- 5. Each member of any official committee shall be permitted to submit statements of expenses (excluding third-party counsel expenses of individual committee members) and supporting vouchers to the committee's counsel, which counsel will collect and submit the committee members' requests for reimbursement in accordance with the Compensation Procedures. For the avoidance of doubt, this provision only permits the committee member to request reimbursement and does not extent to any representative purporting to act on behalf of the committee member.

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6. Time periods set forth in this Order shall be calculated in accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 9006(a).

- 7. All fees and expenses paid to Professionals are subject to disgorgement until such time as they are allowed pursuant to a final Order of this Court.
- 8. The requirement set forth in Local Rule 9013-1(a)(3) that any motion be accompanied by a memorandum of law is hereby deemed satisfied by the contents of the Motion or otherwise waived.
 - 9. The Debtors are authorized to take all actions necessary to carry out this Order.
- 10. This Court retains exclusive jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Order.